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SUBJ: ISRAELI ACTION AGAINST AMOCO RIG IN GULF OF SUEZ

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I TALKED TO EVRON (MFA) AT 2330 HOURS AND REINFORCED DEPT'S DEMARCHE TO DINITZ. AT SAME TIME DEFENSE AND ARMY ATTACHES MET WITH CHIEF OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE, IDF. LATTER, AFTER RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH ISRAELI PATROL BOATS IN GULF, MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) MARINER WAS NOT REPEAT NOT GIVEN TIME ULTIMATUM AS TO WHEN IT MUST MOVE FROM AREA. IT WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS 1.3 MILES EAST OF MEDIAN LINE AND WAS REQUESTED TO LEAVE. IF IT IS STILL THERE TOMORROW MORNING, ISRAELI PATROL BOAT CAPTAIN HAS ORDERS TO NOTIFY HEADQUARTERS.

B) ISRAELIS HAVE NO INTENTION OF CAUSING CONFRONTATION TONIGHT;

C) NO EGYPTIAN SHIP HAS LEFT ANCHORAGE IN GULF WITHIN LAST SIX HOURS, I.E. SINCE 1800 HOURS;

D) THERE ARE SEVEN IDF DABUR PATROL BOATS IN VINCINITY, OF WHICH SIX ARE INVOLVED IN TRAINING AND ONE ENGAGED IN MONITORING THE MARINEER. ALL ARE AT LEAST FOUR MILES FROM MARINER.

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